

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2006. Claims 1, 6-7, 12-13, and 18 have been amended, and claims 5, 11, and 17 have been cancelled herein. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 10-15, 18-20 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In reference item 8 on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, and 18 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In view of the indicated allowability, independent claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 5, 11, and 17, respectively, which have been cancelled accordingly. Applicants submit that claims 1, 7, 13 and all claims depending therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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